

Maple Classroom 2025-2026

Welcome!

Important Dates

- *Inland Seas* outing for 4th and 5th years on Friday, September 12
- *6th Year MMUN Family Meeting*, Thursday, September 25, 3:45
- *Class Picnic* at Silver Lake Park on Monday, September 22, 5:30-7:30
- *Fall Festival* on Sunday, October 5, from 11 am- 1 pm
- *Michigan Lighthouse* outing to Northport, Friday, October 3
- *Montessori Up Close: Partnering with You to Raise Lifelong Learners*, Tuesday, November 18

Opportunities to Connect

- *Community Connections* - We'd love to learn from you and have you share your interests and/or expertise. Let us know if you're interested!
- [*Santa's Helpers*](#) - Sign up to provide crickets for our leopard gecko.
- [*Meadow Valley*](#) - If you are interested in helping us connect with our neighbors, please let us know.
- *Going Out Transportation* - To become an approved driver, please contact andrew@traversechildrenshouse.org.

Communication

- Please reach out with any questions at karin@traversechildrenshouse.org.
- Office Hours: M-F 3:40-4:00 and W 1:30-2:30.
- Should you need to contact your child or me *during* the school day, please call the front desk (231) 929-9325 for assistance and have them contact us.
- To develop independence and accountability, your child may be asked to communicate information directly to you either by phone or in person. I will follow up with an email or call to ensure the necessary communication has taken place.
- [*Waypoints*](#) and [*Classroom Highlights*](#) provide important information about schoolwide and classroom specific events.

Safety & Wellbeing

- Our primary concern is to always keep your child safe, physically and emotionally. Please let us know either in person or in writing if someone other than you will be picking them up. If you need to pick them up during the school day, please park at the main entrance and come down to the classroom to retrieve them.

- Another important aspect of creating and maintaining an environment in which all children feel safe, emotionally, physically and intellectually, is the Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging learning we will do together. Issues of equity and justice will be explored in many ways throughout the year, such as when they arise in our community, in read-aloud books, in current events, or in MMUN topics.

Work at School and Home

- Going to school is your children's work, and we expect them to arrive on time and be well rested and prepared. They should be prepared to begin at 8:20.
- Because their work is most often collaborative, we appreciate notice of appointments and vacations so we can plan accordingly.
- For your reference, please see our [Weekly Schedule](#).
- To support your child's development as a contributing member of our community, we ask that you involve them in your family's daily activities, such as meal preparation, care of each other, pets and the home environment.
- We also request nightly reading for the myriad benefits it provides.

In addition

- Your children will enrich their learning through their work with Steve Maas for Physical Education, Steve and Jen Superson-Smith for [Mind Up](#), Virginie Kanner for French, Alison Hoffman for Art, Angela Aleo for Music, Brooke Kartje for Della Terra and Andrea Deibler, Sarah Davis and Claire Oleo for Earth to Table and Kitchen Classroom.
- This is the first year of our new Theatre Intensive which will take place January 6-January 23, during the school day.
- Our Human Growth & Development unit provides a safe and comfortable forum in which your children can discuss how their bodies are changing, the practical aspects of these changes and how to address related peer and societal pressures. The Education Specialist of Planned Parenthood of West and Northern Michigan facilitates these conversations with the support of a TCH representative (Mar. 4-6, 2026).
- Our 15th delegation of 6th years will attend the [Montessori Model United Nations](#) in New York City from Tuesday, February 17-Saturday, February 21, 2026.